July 1831

Unpaid duplicate part printed letter from Singapore to London dated 28 July 1831. In passing through Dover a boxed "India Letter/ Dover" mark was applied on the reverse and on arrival in London the letter was rated as "1/=" on the obverse. There is a London arrival mark of 20DE20/ 1831 in a circle in red on the reverse. The transit period was almost five months.



MALAYA - PENANG

June/July 1861

Unpaid letter (in French) from "Mathieu & Cie/ Pulu-Pinang" Penang, Malaya to Marseilles, France. The letter is endorsed "via Suez" and is postmarked 21 June 1861

On arrival in France the letter was rated as "9" (decimes). There is a Marseilles arrival marking in red of "Poss Ang. V. Suez/ Marseille/ 27 Juil 61".



May 1863

Underpaid letter dated 19th May 1863 from Singapore, Straits Settlements, Malaya to Calcutta, India partly paid by two copies of the one Anna of 1856. It has a feint boxed "Singapore/ Ship Letter/ 1863 My/ Bg" in red on the reverse. The rate was 3 Annas and the deficiency 1 Anna.

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On arrival in India the letter received boxed "Calcutta/ Ship letter/ 1863 JU 1" and "Cal.G.P.O./ Bg 1 Anna" marks also on the reverse.





April/May 1847

Unpaid letter from Behn Meyers & Co, Singapore to London endorsed "via Marsailles". The main part of the letter is dated 30 March 1847 but with an additional PS dated 7 April.

In Singapore the letter received a "Singapore/ 1847 April/ Bearing" marking on the reverse. On arrival in London the letter was rated as "2/3" on the obverse being the rate (per the Anglo-French Convention of 1843) for a letter of more than ½ oz but less than ½ oz. There is a London arrival marking of 23 My 1847 in a circle on the reverse.



Singapore

February/March 1849

Unpaid letter from Singapore, Straits Settlements to London, England.
In Singapore the letter received a "Singapore/ 1849 Feb/ Bearing" mark on the reverse.
On arrival in London the letter was rated as "2/3" on the obverse being the rate for a letter of more than ¼ oz but less than ½ oz. There is a London arrival mark in red of 21 MR 1849 in a circle on the reverse.



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MALAYA - PENANG

Penang

July 1849

Unpaid double letter dated 3 July 1849 from Penang, Straits Settlements, Malaya to Boston, USA endorsed "per Steamer" c/o London. There are "Bearing" and "Penang/ 1849 Jly/ Bearing" boxed Penang marks.

There are British transit marks of 24 August 1849. In London a manuscript "1/-"was applied and changed to "2/-" to denote postage collected and the letter was then posted to its ultimate destination and a black "38/ cents" accountancy mark was applied under the Anglo-American Postal Treaty of 1849 to denote the postage due to the British post office. A black "48" was applied on arrival in the US being the postage due.



MALAYA - PENANG

February 1851

Unpaid letter from Penang, Malaya to Boston, USA c/o London. The letter is endorsed "via Marseilles". The letter is dated 8 February 1851 but has no Penang datestamp. On the obverse is a boxed Indian "Bearing" marking which was applied in Penang). There are London transit markings of 21 March 1851 on the obverse and reverse. On arrival in London a "2/3" marking was applied (and then deleted) and must have been collected as the letter was then posted on to its ultimate destination. In either London or Liverpool a "3/ cents" accountancy mark) was applied under the Anglo-American Postal Treaty of 1849. A "24" was also applied (on arrival in the US?) being the postage due (or the amount due to the British Post Office). There is no US arrival marking.



November/December 1852

Unpaid duplicate letter numbered 165 from Fraser Eaton & Co, Sourabaya, Dutch East Indies to Totnes, Devon, England via Singapore, Straits Settlements, Malaya. The letter is endorsed "Per Overland Mail via Marseilles". Letter is dated 21 September 1852 but the oval "Sourbaya/ Ongefrankeerd" in blue is undated. In Singapore the letter received a "Singapore/ 18 November/ Bearing" marking (new Proud type nPS7) on the reverse. On arrival in Britain the letter was rated as "2/3" being the rate for a letter of more than ¼ oz but less than ½ oz. There is a London transit marking of 18 December 1852 on the reverse as well as a Totnes arrival marking of 19 December 1852.



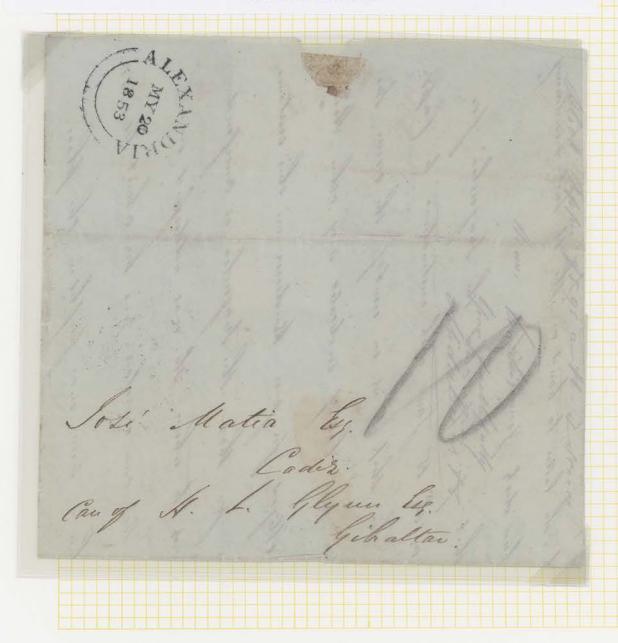
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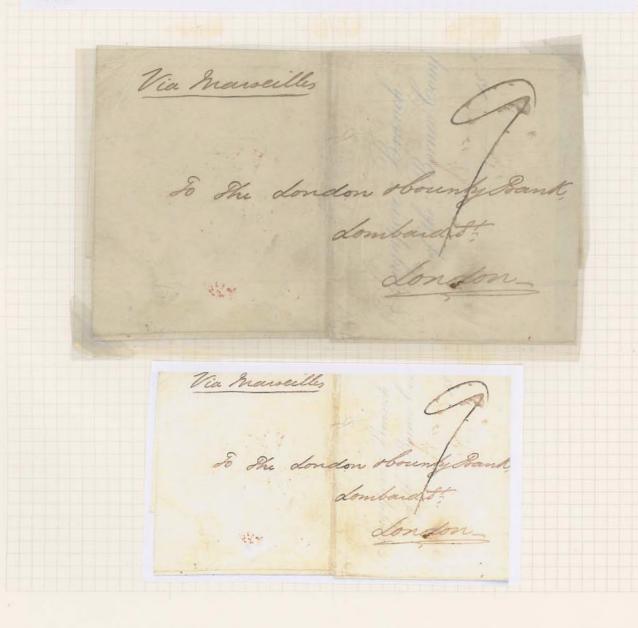
Unpaid letter from Singapore, Malaya, written on 20 April 1853, to Cadiz, Spain endorsed c/o Gibraltar. The letter was apparently privately carried to Alexandria, Egypt where a transit mark of MY20 1853 was applied. This may be because the Singapore post office did not quote a postage rate to Spain until after 1858 (via Southampton) or 1859 (via Gibraltar).

On arrival the letter appears to have been rated as "10" (pence, if in Gibraltar or reals, if in Cadiz) but there is no arrival mark.



Unpaid letter from the Borneo Co. in Singapore, Straits Settlements, Malaya to London, England endorsed "via Marseilles". On the reverse the letter is postmarked on 16 June 1858.

On passing through France the letter appears to have been rated as "9" (decimes) on the obverse. There is a London arrival marking, on the reverse, in red is dated 27 July 1858.



Singapore

December 1858/ February 1859

Unpaid envelope from Singapore, Straits Settlements, Malaya forwarded by Boustead & Co to Boston, USA via London and the envelope is endorsed "via Marseilles". On the reverse is a postmark of December 1858.

On passing through France the letter appears to have been rated as "8" (decimes) or "80" (centimes). On the reverse there is a London transit mark in red of JA 28 59 and the Boston arrival mark is FEB 16.

On the obverse there is a black "45" indicating the postage due collected in cents.



